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Venice, *January* 12.

THE Duke of *Hanouer*, being here, has composed the difference arisen among his Troops, which now serve this Republick, concerning the distribution of the Money the Senate gave them as a Present for their good Services during the last Campagne; And we are told that his Highness has made an Agreement to assist this State with 4000 Men more. Yesterday arrived here a Vessel in 35 days from *Constantinople*, by which we have advice, that the Plague, Famine, and fear of some great Commotion continue there; That the People will hear of nothing but Peace with the Christians; That the Grand Visier is dead, not without suspition of being poysoned; That the Serasquier who commanded the *Ottoman* Forces in *Hungary* the two last Campagnes, has been strangled at *Belgrade*, by Order of the Grand Signior, for not having relieved *Newheusel*; And that the Grand Signior had ordered all the Money to be taken out of the Treasury at *Constantinople* to be employed in the War. The Letters from *Dalmatia* tell us, that a Party of *Morlaques* having made an incursion into the *Turkish* Territories, were returned with 60 Families of *Valaques*, who had put themselves under the protection of the Republick, and 3000 Head of Cattle. The *Imperialists* provide great Magazines in *Croatia*, intending to have a very considerable Army on that side the next Campagne.

Vienna, *Jan.* 13. Yesterday the Electoral Prince Palatine received from the hand of his Imperial Majesty the Order of the *Golden Fleece*; His Highness intends to part from hence to Morrow with the Archdutchess his Wife for *Heydelbergh*. The three Extraordinary Envoys are at last arrived here from *Transilvania*, the first is deputed by Prince *Abafti*, the second by the States, and the third by the free Cities of *Transilvania*, but they have not yet appeared publickly. Yesterday arrived here an Express from *Berlin*, with the Ratification of the Treaty concluded between the Emperor and the Elector of *Brandenburgh*. The Marquis *de Corbon* is come hither to desire leave to raise 500 Men within the Emperor's Territories, to recruit the Regiment which he raised there the last year for the Service of the Republick of *Venice*. The Sieur *Schirmay*, Count *Teckely*'s Secretary, who was sent hither by his Master before he was made a Prisoner at *Belgrade*, with Proposals of an Accommodation, was seized here this Week, and sent Prisoner to the Castle of *Glatz* in *Silesia*, it appearing by his own Letters, which have been lately intercepted, that he not only held a Correspondence with the Rebels in *Montgatz*, but encouraged them to defend that place against the Emperor's Forces. The last Advices from *Upper Hungary*, give an account that the *Imperialists* had taken the Lower Town of *Montgatz*, and that the Castle, which was all that remained in the hands of the Rebels, was so closely blocked up, that they could not receive any Relief. The *Imperialists* had taken a Letter from the King of *Poland* to the Princess *Ragotzi*, which General *Caprara*, to shew his Respect to his Majesty, sent, without opening it, to the said Princess. The Governor of *Gran* has given an account hither, that he had advice that the Garison of *Buda* suffered very much through the want of Provisions; and that the *Turks* continue to fortifie their Places which are most exposed.

Vienna, *Jan.* 17. The Envoys from the Prince and States of *Transilvania* have been to visit the chief Ministers of this Court, to whom they have not yet discovered that they have any other Commission than to solicite an Exemption from Winter-quarters; but if this be all their Business, they are not like to return home with any great satisfaction. The Letters from *Upper Hungary* tell us, that General *Caprara* had sent a Detachement to reinforce the Troops that block up *Montgatz*, and that these were preparing to attack that Fortress so soon as the weather would permit it. Major General *Wallis* has been with 2000 Horse to view *Great Waradin*, against which place, it's believed, the Baron *de Mercy* has formed some design. The Emperor has given Count *Staremberg* leave to go into the Service of the Elector Palatine, who has offered him the chief Command over his Forces, but he is unwilling to accept of it, unless he may keep the Regiment he has at present, in which his Imperial Majesty has not yet declared his Resolution.

Cologne, *Jan.* 20. The Letters from *Ratisbonne* of the 16th Instant, inform us that the Elector Palatine has by his Minister there acquainted the Dyet, that his most Christian Majesty had let him know that he would refer the Pretensions of the Dutchess of *Orleans* upon the Allodial Lands of the Palatinate, to the Pope's Arbitrage, but that this being a matter which concerned the Emperor, and all the States of the Empire, he thought himself obliged to do nothing in it without their approbation. The Victory lately obtained by the *Imperialists* near *Arach*, is greater than was at first reported; of the Enemy above 2000 were slain or taken Prisoners. The *Turks* that defended *Arach* were most *Janisaries*, of the Grand Signior's Guards, commanded by an Officer of great Reputation among them; who refusing to surrender the Place upon the Baron *de Mercy*'s Summons, obliged him to bring his Cannon against it, which having made a Breach, the *Imperialists* gave an Assault with that Courage and Bravery, that although they could pass the Breach but Six in Front, and that the *Turks* made a very stout Defence, they entred the Place, and made themselves Masters of it.